

# St. Anthony Mary Claret

## Roman Catholic Church

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October 23, 2022

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Rev. Dr. Jan P. Klak,  
Ph.L., S.T.L., Ph.D.

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Rev. Arul Francis Arputham,  
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### Parish Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish, have as our mission to open our hearts and doors to those from all walks of life so that they too may share in the everlasting presence of God. Together we strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist. We work to foster the development of the parish, not only to strengthen our own spiritual awareness, but to impact the community as a whole.

### GOSPEL MEDITATION:

#### LK 18:9-14

There is a thing called "false piety." It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive. Wearing the right clothes, saying the proper prayers, being in sacred places, and reading devotional books, those exhibiting false piety craftily try to control others using the pretense of love. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God's attention. Forming an exclusive "club," they divide things between "mine" and "yours" and "us" and "them." They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking. Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game's name.

The requirements for "club membership" are clear: do what we do, think what we think, and believe what we believe. Attempting to control others using the lure of "status" or "salvation," they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness. Clinging to "my beliefs," "my parish," "my way of thinking," they fail to see the more significant relationship with God that is veiled in all of these superficial rules and practices. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, they gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside. Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones, those considered "least" in the kingdom.

God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether you are an official, bona fide member. Sometimes membership may be a detriment to actually living the Gospel if you're joining the team for the wrong reasons. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly "pious." They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide (Cont'd on p. 2)



### Celebration of the Mass

Monday: 8 am; 7:30 pm; Holy Hour 6:30 pm

Tuesday - Friday: 8 am; Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 pm

Sunday: 8 & 10 am; 12, 3 (Spanish), & 6 pm

Holy Days of Obligation: Check inside bulletin for times.

### Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays: 4 pm; Sundays: 4 pm

### Baptism - Required Class:

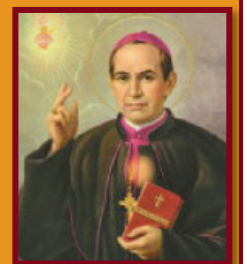
First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm. Call parish office to register.

**Visitation of the Sick:** Call parish office to schedule visit.

**Funerals:** Call parish office prior to making arrangements.

**Marriage Prep:** Call parish office at least one year prior to wedding. Attend mandatory orientation third Thursday of March or September at 7 pm.

**Quinceañera Prep:** Call parish office at least one year prior to date of celebration. Child must be enrolled in religious education for at least one year. Attend mandatory orientation fourth Thursday of March or August at 7 pm.



**IN OUR PARISH**



Welcome! As pastor of St. Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church, I want to express welcome from all of us to you for choosing to become a member of our parish family. We hope you will always feel at home here and that our worship and other parochial services will fulfill your spiritual needs.

Please complete an online registration form at [samcsa.com](http://samcsa.com) or a printed one which you can find near the church entrance in the narthex. Return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at your convenience.

I hope you feel welcome here!  
Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Jan P. Klak

**Oct. 15/16 attendance & collection totals**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>3,401</b>
<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$ 26,327.38</b>
<b>RE Bldg. Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 4,206.99</b>
<b>Hope for the Future</b>	<b>\$ 1,688.25</b>
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<b>Gabriel Project</b>	<b>\$ 390.00</b>
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>World Missions</b>	<b>\$ 46.00</b>

**GOSPEL MEDITATION, *Cont'd from page 1***

by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to pray in private. It's only between you and God. It is nobody else's business. ©LPi

**Pope St. John Paul II**  
**Feast day: Oct. 22**

*"It is Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle.*

*It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."*

*Address at World Youth Day, Rome, August 19, 2000*

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Saturday, Oct. 22**

- 5 PM **Tina Marie Reyes Falcon†**  
by William Reyes Family
- Sunday, Oct. 23**
- 8 AM **Marcelino Armendariz, Sr.†**  
by Teresa Revilla  
**Joey Quitugua†** by Family
- 10 AM **Bill & Jean Macecevic†** by Family
- 12 PM **BB\* for Christopher Gruver**  
By Ana & Pablo Rodriguez
- 3 PM **For the Parish**
- 6 PM **BB\* for Shannon Langas** by Langas Family

**Monday, Oct. 24**

- 8 AM **Maria Lemus†** by Mary Macias  
**Eloise†, Arthur†, Gary† & Arlene Salazar†**  
by Rick & Sandy Salinas
- 6:30 PM Holy Hour
- 7:30 PM **BB\* for Drew Olech & Kathy Schnipke**  
by Olech Family

**Tuesday, Oct. 25**

- 8 AM **BB\* for George Renfro** by Family

**Wednesday, Oct. 26**

- 8 AM **Jimmy Bautista†, D.M. Salas†, Jenny Garza† & Justin Rebber†**  
by Rick & Sandy Salinas

**Thursday, Oct. 27**

- 8 AM **BB\* for Rachel Langas** by Langas Family

**Friday, Oct. 28**

- 8 AM **Conversion for Linda Ortiz** by Emma Ortiz

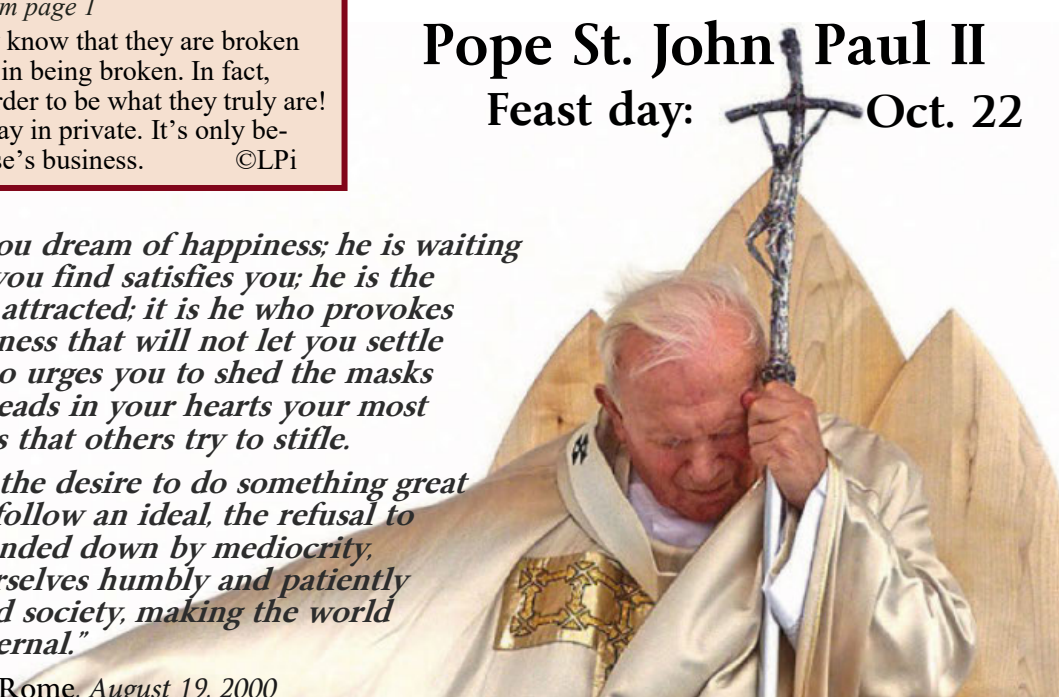
**Saturday, Oct. 29**

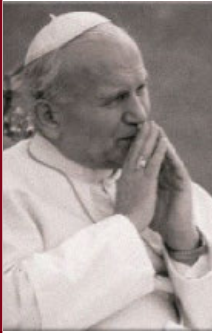
- 5 PM **BB\* for Peg Helner Peterson** by Bea Peterson
- Rita Kropp†** by Lenna Gregorio

**Sunday, Oct. 30**

- 8 AM **In Thanksgiving: Joseph Fuentes** by Family
- 10 AM **Dioscora Asane†, Rosalia Ocampo†, Jose Lamberto Pahang†, Jose Loquellano, Jr.†, & Ludivico Lehayan†** by Chando & Amy Loquellano
- 12 PM **Santos & Olga Vasquez†**  
by Frank & Cindy Gonzalez
- 3 PM **For the Parish**
- 6 PM **In Thanksgiving** by Robbie Alicea

\*BB = Birthday Blessings



**RESPECT LIFE****Word of Life**

“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”

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**Palabra De Vida**

“Una reflexión especial quisiera tener para vosotras, mujeres que habéis recurrido al aborto. La Iglesia sabe cuántos condicionamientos pueden haber influido en vuestra decisión, y no duda de que en muchos casos se ha tratado de una decisión dolorosa e incluso dramática. Probablemente la herida aún no ha cicatrizado en vuestro interior. ...Sin embargo, no os dejéis vencer por el desánimo y no abandonéis la esperanza. ...[E]l Padre de toda misericordia os espera para ofreceros su perdón y su paz en el sacramento de la Reconciliación.”

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**October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month****Loving Parents After Miscarriage** by Mary McClusky

A friend who recently lost a child through miscarriage called to express disappointment that she didn't know where to turn for the resources and support she and her husband so desperately needed. This heartbreaking conversation reminded me of another friend who miscarried a child at six months of pregnancy, but who masked her pain with a smile instead of reaching out for comfort. Though each experienced the deep pain of losing a child, neither received the loving support she deserved.



Sadly, their experiences are common. Though most miscarriages occur very early in pregnancy, often before the woman knows she is pregnant, as many as 15% of known pregnancies end in miscarriage. Our culture and even some church communities don't always recognize this loss, leaving women or couples to deal with their pain alone.

Our witness to life must address the pain and grieving experienced by those who have lost a child. Just as we recognize the humanity of the unborn child lost to abortion, we must acknowledge equally the unborn child lost to miscarriage. “I see clearly that the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity,” Pope Francis said recently. As Catholics and people of life, we are called to draw close to these parents and provide care and comfort to their aching hearts.

So what can we do to help parents grieve their loss and witness to the gift of their child's life? We can acknowledge their loss, support them as they grieve, and direct them to helpful resources. How do we do this?

First, don't dismiss their loss with comments like “You're young; you'll conceive again soon,” or “You still have your other children.” Instead, make time to listen as they share their pain. Affirm their right to grieve. Offer your condolences and prayers, and ask if there is anything they need. Direct the parents to their parish priest, who can help them organize a memorial service, funeral or burial. The Order of Christian Funerals has prayers for a stillborn child, and the Book of Blessings includes a blessing for parents that can be administered by a priest or deacon after a miscarriage. Some blessings can even be adapted for use by a layperson.

Keep in mind that the father and mother may have different emotional needs. She might feel the loss more directly, or wonder if somehow she caused the miscarriage. She might prefer to talk things out with a friend. The father may need space to eventually feel comfortable sharing how the loss affects him, and may even need time to take his mind off things. He might need guidance on how to support the mother. Losing a child can drive parents apart, so the couple might need the reassuring love of a faithful community to keep close and stay together. Child loss or bereavement support groups at their parish or local hospital can provide support, as well as spiritual advice or counseling.

As members of the body of Christ, the Church, we are called to bear witness to the loss of every life, no matter how brief or small. Let us pray that our growing sensitivity to the loss of a child through miscarriage will better assist grieving parents and help them to entrust their child to God's unfailing care and mercy.

*About the author: Mary McClusky is Assistant Director for Project Rachel Ministry Development at the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. To learn more about the bishops' pro-life activities, go to [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife). Re-posted with permission from the USCCB Life Issues Forum.*

PARISH NEWS

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narthex now through Nov. 13.

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Dolls, cars and trucks are especially needed.  
Toys should be new, packaged and unwrapped.

NO BATTERY OPERATED TOYS PLEASE.



MONTH OF THE  
Rosary  
OCTOBER

Pray a living rosary with the  
Legion of Mary in October!

Sunday Oct. 23, after 12 PM Mass:  
Glorious Mysteries

Sunday Oct. 30, after 3 PM Mass:  
Joyful Mysteries



BAPTISM CLASS

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 7:30 PM  
RE Bldg., 1st floor



This Week in Our Parish  
Wedding:  
Michael Mata & Brenda Garza

Marital Blessing:  
Carlos Flores & Rachel Salinas



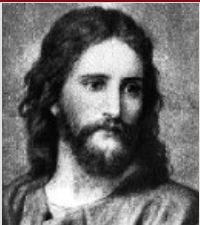
**WARNING:** Some parishioners have recently  
received emails requesting help or donations  
and falsely claiming to be from Fr. Jan.  
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sacristan/liturgical coordinator. For info or to apply,  
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THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

A woman rushed  
into a doctor's office  
shouting, "Help  
me, doctor!

I think  
I'm shrinking!"  
The doctor calmly  
replied, "Settle  
down. You'll just  
have to learn  
to be a little  
patient."



### COMMUNITY NEWS



### Experience an authentic journey to the Holy Land!

Two upcoming 12-day Holy Land pilgrimages in 2023:  
Feb. 28 - Mar. 11 with Fr. Paul Melgarejo  
May 27 - June 7 with Fr. Steven Gamez  
led by Deacon Tom & Mary Jane Fox,  
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Both offer 6 nights in Jerusalem; 4 nights in Galilee.

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Learn more at an orientation on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2 -4 PM at Pilgrim Center of Hope, 7680 Joe Newton  
For info, contact us at 210-521-3377 or [ministry@pilgrimcenterofhope.org](mailto:ministry@pilgrimcenterofhope.org).



Saturday, Oct. 29  
9 AM - 4 PM

### NUN "RUN"



The Nun "Run" is a wonderful event for young single Catholic women, ages 18-40, to let them observe different ways of living religious life. This event is a point-to-point driving excursion to visit sisters homes/convents and find out more about different communities and the discernment of consecrated life. Please contact the Vocation Office for more information at [vocations@archsa.org](mailto:vocations@archsa.org) or call 210-735-0553

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Saturday,  
Nov. 12,  
7 PM

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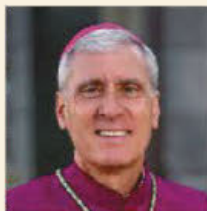
Contact: Kathryn 210-342-1077 x129 or [kcastillo@actsmissions.org](mailto:kcastillo@actsmissions.org)



### PARISH NEWS

Come to the archdiocesan Mass for Life— at our parish!

SUNDAY  
OCT. 30  
6:00 PM

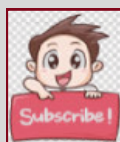


Bishop Gary W. Janak, J.C.L.

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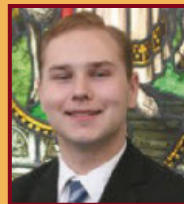
### FAITH & PRAYER

#### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

Pray for our local seminarians and for an increase in vocations to religious life. This month we especially pray for these two seminarians:



**Moses Castro**



**Dalton Mey**

O God, throughout the ages You have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. We give You thanks for these courageous witnesses of faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to You. Continue to enrich Your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**We also commend to your intercession this order committed to the consecrated life:  
Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate**




#### PRAY FOR THE SICK

**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

- |                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Donnie & MaryLou Maestas | Karina Hernandez       |
| Nathan Dowell            | Kelton Sweet, Jr.      |
| Joe Leal                 | Joanna Sweet           |
| Debra Cameron            | Javier Calderon        |
| Irma Alvarado            | George Aldaya          |
| Marge Lucido             | Mary Helen Peterson    |
| Dennis Bergkamp          | Maria Morales          |
| Connie Coignet           | Rosa Huerta            |
| Bill Phinizy             | Barbara Vanegas        |
| Catherine Smith          | A.C. Garza             |
| Rachel Delgado           | Manuel Salazar         |
| George Vasquez           | Javier & Mary Bautista |
| Maurice Flores           | Rick Salinas           |
| Tracey Kollmansberger    | SJS                    |
| Yolanda Barron           | Olga Faz               |
| Tony Salinas             | Jim Souhrada           |
| Alejandro De Luna        | Bill Jennings          |
| Deacon Jerry Kozar       | Dee Hancock            |
| Maggie Reyna             | Linda Santos           |
| Fr. Patrick Martin       | Tom Calderon Jr.       |

List is reserved for *names of parishioners and immediate family only.*  
You may submit up to **FOUR** names at a time.  
Names usually run for four weeks.



**30<sup>o</sup>**  
DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“El publicano, en cambio, se quedó lejos y no se atrevía a levantar los ojos al cielo. Lo único que hacía era golpearse el pecho, diciendo: ‘Dios mío, apiádate de mí, que soy un pecador’.”  
- Lc 18, 13

#### THIS WEEK’S READINGS

- Sunday 23:** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/  
Lk 18:9-14
- Monday 24:** Eph 4:32—5:8/Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday 25:** Eph 5:21-33/Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday 26:** Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday:** Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35
- Friday 28:** Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
- Saturday 29:** Phil 1:18b-26/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Sunday 30:** Wis 11:22—12:2/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/  
Lk 19:1-10

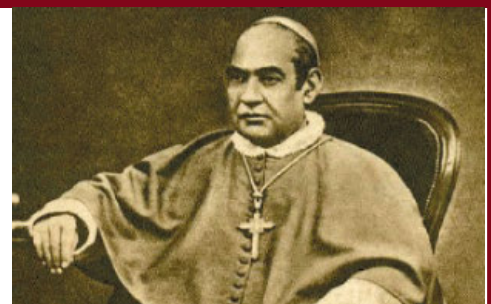
#### Saint Anthony Mary Claret | Feast Day: October 24

Saint Anthony Mary Claret is also known as the “spiritual father of Cuba.” He was born in Salient in Catalonia, Spain, in 1807. He became a weaver, like his father, and was very talented. But he studied in his spare time to become a priest and was ordained in 1835. In 1849 the saint founded the Claretians, a religious institute of missionaries, and a companion order of women religious who served as teachers for girls.

From 1850 to 1857 he served as Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, where he worked diligently to reform both clergy and laity. He opposed concubinage and instructed black slaves, and championed family-owned farms instead of the mass farming of a sugar cash crop. These stances were vehemently opposed by many, and Saint Anthony was the target of assassins.

He was recalled to act as Queen Isabella II’s confessor, a duty he reluctantly agreed to, with the exceptions that he would reside away from the court, attending the household only to hear confessions and instruct the children. While in Spain he founded the Religious Publishing House and wrote or published 200 Catholic books and pamphlets. He went into exile to France with the Queen’s household during the Spanish Revolution of 1868.

The saint returned to Rome to Participate in Vatican I where he defended the infallibility of the Pope. He died in France in 1870 and was canonized in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.



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